

THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

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CARNIVAL 2015

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

A PROCLAMATION

TO PROVIDE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 63rd ANNIVERSAY OF CARNIVAL IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

The United States Virgin Islands will be celebrating the 63rd anniversary of Carnival.

The theme for this year is Culture to the Extreme, V.I. Carnival 2015".

The Virgin Islands' Carnival has become one of the region's top festivals, attracting thousands of people to the islands.

The name of this year's Carnival Village is *Grapo's Art Gallery*" honoring *Cleve "Grapo"* Turnbull.

This year's Virgin Islands' Carnival Food, Arts and Crafts Fair is named the *Alvin's Cultural Workshop* honoring *Alvin Turnbull*. It will be held on **Wednesday**, **April 29**, **2015** in the Emancipation Garden.

J'Ouvert will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2015.

The Children's Carnival Parade will be held on Friday, May 1, 2015, and the Adult's Parade will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015.

During this historical and festive season hundreds of families, friends, visitors, and supporters will be visiting the Territory to enjoy and partake of our cultural activities, and the sights and sounds of Carnival.

This annual celebration provides a tremendous financial boost to our economy and helps to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of Carnival and our culture.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kenneth E. Mapp, Governor of the United States Virgin Islands, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of 1954, as amended, do hereby authorize Commissioners and Agency Heads to grant Administrative Leave to non-essential employees, in order to encourage greater participation in the Food Fair, and to enhance the celebration of the Virgin Islands Carnival by all residents and visitors, as follows:

DISTRICT OF ST. THOMAS/ST. JOHN ONLY (ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE)

Wednesday, April 29, 2015 - Food, Arts and Crafts Fair Day - 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 30, 2015 – J'Ouvert – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

TERRITORY-WIDE (ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE):

Friday, May 1, 2015 - Children's Parade Day - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The leave granted above shall not apply to essential employees and employees on a regular or rotating shift. Employees on annual or sick leave immediately preceding or immediately following the time period administrative leave is granted, will not receive administrative leave. Future leave will not be granted to employees who are considered essential and/or whose shift happens to fall on a day in which other employees are granted administrative leave.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to be affixed at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, this day of April, 2015, A.D.

Kenneth E. Mapp

Governor

Attest:

Osbert E. Potter

Lieutenant Governor